Indian Missions/Posts abroad, particularly in the Gulf region, also operate Labour Welfare Funds with the assistance of the Indian community to cater to the needs of distressed workers.

(b) Such data is not maintained.

Closure of mills in Kanpur

†3125. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many families have committed suicide *en masse* as a result of closure of mills in Kanpur city and if so, the number of labourers committed suicide;

(b) whether Government are contemplating any measures to protect the labourers who are compelled to commit suicide as a result of helplessness; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Government of Uttar Pradesh have informed that no such cases have come to their notice.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

Unemployment problem in J and K

3126. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for resolving the unemployment problem in Jammu and Kashmir during the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas which would provide these jobs;

(d) whether any time frame has been set to create/generate the jobs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) A Task Force was constituted to create one lakh employment opportunities over the next two years in Jammu & Kashmir. The Task Force has submitted its report recommending creation of atleast one lakh jobs during the period from August 2003 to August 2005.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The areas identified by the Task Force include Agriculture, handloom and handicrafts, industry, tourism and travel, education and health, large infrastructure projects (roads and railways), information technology & telecommunication and Central sector/Centrally sponsored schemes.

(d) and (e) Task Force has fixed the time frame for creation of these employment opportunities as August, 2003 to August, 2005.

Child labour

3127. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of child labourers in the country as one the 30th June, 2003, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to constitute the National Commission on child in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Authentic information on child labour in the country is generated by the decennial census only. According to the 1991 census, the number of working children in the country was 11.28 million. State-wise number of working children in the country as per 1991 census is given in the Statement (*See* below). The figures of the 2001 census have not yet been published.

(b) and (c) The proposal to set up a National Commission for children is under consideration of the Government.

Statement

State-wise distribution of working children according to 1991 census

1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,661,940
2.	Assam	327,598
3.	Bihar	942,245
4.	Gujarat	523,585
5.	Haryana	109,691
6.	Himachal Pradesh	56,438